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Good Growing Conditions

HARRISBURG, PA – Weather during the month of August was a mixed bag for the Maryland and Delaware producers. Some areas received adequate rain during the month while other areas received very little rain. The temperatures during the month were cooler than normal with less humidity for a typical August. Corn and Soybean crop conditions were reported mostly good to excellent across both States.

Maryland: As of September 1, Maryland farmers reported a yield of 166 bushels per acre for the 2014 corn crop, up 8 bushels from last month. If realized, forecast corn yield will be a record high in Maryland. The current forecast of grain production at 73 million bushels is 10 percent above the previous year. Soybean production is forecast at 21.8 million bushels, up 18 percent from last year. Yields are expected to average 44.0 bushels per acre, up 5 bushels from 2013. Area for harvest in Maryland is forecast at 495 thousand acres, up 4 percent from last year.

Delaware: Delaware corn farmers reported a yield of 170 bushels per acre as of September 1, up 4 bushels per acre from 2013 and a new record-high. A total of 170,000 acres are expected to be harvested with total corn production estimated at 28.9 million bushels. Soybeans are expected to yield a record-high 44 bushels per acre, up 2 bushel from the August 1st forecast. Soybeans are expected to be harvested from 183,000 acres, for a total production of 8.1 million bushels in 2014.

United States: Corn production is forecast at 14.4 billion bushels, up 3 percent from both the August forecast and from 2013. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 171.7 bushels per acre, up 4.3 bushels from the August forecast and 12.9 bushels above the 2013 average. If realized, this will be the highest yield and production on record for the United States. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 83.8 million acres, unchanged from the August forecast but down 4 percent from 2013.

Soybean production is forecast at a record 3.91 billion bushels, up 3 percent from August and up 19 percent from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average a record high 46.6 bushels per acre, up 1.2 bushels from last month and up 3.3 bushels from last year. Area for harvest in the United States is forecast at a record 84.1 million acres, unchanged from August but up 11 percent from last year.

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